



**SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

MINUTES

Special Meeting: October 31, 2006 – 5:30 P.M.

Location: Selectmen's Hearing Room - Municipal Office Building

Present: John J. Ostrosky, Chairman
Dorbert A. Thomas, Clerk
Patricia M. Banks
Kenneth F. Polito

Absent: Robert P. Jacques, Vice Chairman
Brad Stone, Agent

Also Present: Jack Perreault, Town Engineer

Mr. Ostrosky opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

1. Meetings and Hearings – 5:30 P.M.

285-1415 Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by the Lake Quinsigamond Commission for the drawdown of Lake Quinsigamond and Flint Pond to manage aquatic weeds

Nancy Allen, Director of Board of Health, acting as advisor to the Lake Quinsigamond Commission on the drawdown project and the proposed herbicide project, attended the hearing. Also attending was Tom Flannery from Lycott Environmental, Inc.

Nancy Allen and Tom Flannery presented the filing for the drawdown of Lake Quinsigamond and Flint Pond. The total drawdown will be 30 inches at a rate of 2 to 3 inches per day. The drawdown would begin as soon as the appropriate appeal periods have expired. The level will be kept down until April 1, 2007 at the latest. The goal is to get frost penetration of 4 inches. Abutters will be notified that they can do clean up work on their shore line with hand tools only.

Lycott has had several discussions with Natural Heritage regarding the endangered weed. A Botanist from Natural Heritage specializing in rare plants will survey the plants in Lake Quinsigamond next year. The hearing for the herbicide treatment has been continued to August 21, 2007.

The Grafton and Worcester Conservation Commissions have issued Orders of Conditions for the drawdown. The Grafton Order of Conditions requires water quality testing and monitoring of water levels.

Several abutters spoke in support of the drawdown including Ray Brassard, Gary Angevine, Judith Skoglund, and Michael Paika.

Ken Polito asked if the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission could get a report in the Spring regarding the effectiveness of the drawdown.

Mr. Ostrosky officially closed the hearing. A motion was made by Mr. Polito and seconded by Mrs. Banks to issue an Order of Conditions for the drawdown with the conditions that shoreline clean up by abutters can only be done manually; copies shall be given to the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission of any reports that are given to Grafton and Worcester; and the conditions from the prior Order of Conditions shall be included in the Order of Conditions. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Perreault, Town Engineer